The Bible & Daily Living

A man with a missionary zeal

By William L. Trimyer
Barnabas: Man With A Missionary Zeal
Lesson for August 8, 1982
Bible Study Passages: Acts 4:34-37; 11:19-26; 13:1-3

INTRODUCTION

Our lesson this week focuses upon a man named Barnabas. Here was a mission-minded person who possessed other characteristics such as compassion and generosity. From all descriptions given of Barnabas, we may conclude that he was quite a man. He was impressive as a preacher, teacher and leader.

Barnabas seemed to be one of those rare folks who dare go the second mile in terms of giving and doing. We all know people like Barnabas who stand out as persons of great charity and compassion. Such people seem to radiate warmth and compassion to all people.

The spirit of compassion and generosity is not something we buy off of the generic shelves of the grocery store. Compassion and generosity cannot be taught....only caught. Perhaps if more in our world were compassionate and generous, we might not have the suffering and deprivation that exists so rampantly here and abroad.

The missionary spirit of Barnabas was not simply a rehearsed telling of the Gospel message; it was a way of life, an acting out of that which he already felt in his heart.

Giving That Others May Benefit [Acts 9:32-37; 9:26-27]

Barnabas was a good-hearted soul. He willingly gave monies from the sale of his land to the general fund of the Jerusalem church. Such giving is an inspiration.

A sign in the student center at Georgetown College, Kentucky, reads: "That which a man gives away often become his greatest possession." Sometimes its not what we possess but what we give away that gives us the most satisfaction.

The name Barnabas replaced the given name of Joses. The name Bartiabas literally means "son of consolation." The description applies very well to the actions of Barnabas. He was the kind of person who consoled others by his presence and kindness.

We may learn from Barnabas and seek to become sons and daughters of consolation, that is, we may be ministers by giving of ourselves that others may be helped.

Unprejudiced Missionary [Acts 11:19-26]

Another outstanding characteristic of Barnabas was his lack of prejudice. In a sense he functioned as a "generic" missionary to people of all lands. He was not locked into either the Jewish or Gentile world.

An open heart and mind is essential to proclaim such as open Gospel. Sometimes we are like the mule with blinders on, that is, our vision is narrowed so that we are unable to see beyond our own "backyards." Such a provincial outlook keeps us from encountering and confronting those who can teach us or learn from us. The Gospel of God is not straight-lined, that is, it is not intended for a certain race or class but for all peoples everywhere.

When the Gospel began to bring in converts from Antioch the folks in the Jerusalem church became concerned. They sent Barnabas to check on things. Upon arrival he saw the work of the Lord and gave it his full support. **A Special Servant [Acts 13:1-3]**

The laying on of hands has extremely significant importance in the Christian church. When persons are set apart by the church for a special ministry, the laying on of hands becomes a symbolic action of that moment.

Traditionally in a service where persons are ordained, only other ordained persons are asked to come and lay hands on a person set apart for some special ministry.

When Barnabas and Saul were "set apart," the church laid hands upon them. The scripture implies that everyone in the church had a part in the blessing of those who would embark on a special ministry. Churches might consider the fact that the entire church sets apart and should be free to participate in the symbolic setting apart through laying on of hands.

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Deaths

Mrs. W. M. Abbitt Jr.

GLADSTONE - Brenda Brauns Abbitt, 34, of Route 2 died Sunday night, August 1 at her residence. She was the wife of Watkins M. Abbitt Jr.

She was born in Staunton, a daughter of Hollis P. Brauns and Helen Bell Brauns of Richmond. She was a member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Richmond, a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a B.A. in education and was a fifth grade teacher at Appomattox Elementary School.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by a sister, Diane Brauns Mills of Waynesboro, and a brother, John E. Brauns of Richmond.

Graveside funeral services were conducted at noon Tuesday at Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church cemetery, Mount Solon, by the Rev. J. Harmon Smith.

Those wishing to make memorials please consider Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church, Route 1, Mount Solon, Va. 22843.

Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Davidson Collins

SPOUT SPRING - Mary Davidson Collins, age 79, died at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at her residence.

She was a widow of George Robert Collins. She was born in Appomattox County, a daughter of the late James Marion Davidson and Lillie Mae Davidson. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Rosco Sales, Lynchburg; a brother, James R. (Bob) Davidson, Appomattox; one niece, Mrs. Agnes Reynolds, Spout Spring; a nephew, Clarence A. Davisdon, Spout Spring; and two great-nephews.

Graveside funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Fort Hill Memorial Park by the Rev. Tommy Coy.

Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Herman E. Hughes

Mrs. Lillie Cothran Hughes, 90, of 2921 Langhorne Road, died Tuesday, July 27 at the Lynchburg General Hospital.

She was born in Charlotte County, a daughter of the late William T. Cothran and Lillie Ann Lipscomb Cothran. She was a widow of Herman Elbert Hughes and an active member of the College Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Louise Powers, of Lynchburg; one niece, Pat Blanks of Danville; two nephews, James E. Cothran of Concord and William T. Cothran of Amherst and several cousins.

A graveside service was conducted at Fort Hill Memorial Park Thursday at 2:30 p.m. by Dr. Kenneth B. Bryan.

Diuguid Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Zion Baptist news

By Susie Hunter

A large crowd of members and friends attended Homecoming services at Zion Baptist Church Sunday.

The Rev. Charles Lewis was in charge of the morning service, and the Senior Choir rendered beautiful music with Mr. Howard Allen at the piano. Lunch was served by the ladies of the church.

At 2:30 the Rev. Robert McCray and his choir were special guests for the homecoming service. A prayer service is being held each evening this week, starting at 7:30 p.m. The auxiliaries of the church will open the prayer services. Choirs from different churches are being featured each night during this week.

We are praying for our sick and for revivals throughout the nation.

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Church News

Revival set at Red Oak

Revival services will be held at Red Oak Baptist Church starting Sunday, Aug. 8 and running through Wednesday, Aug. 11. Services will begin at 7:45 each night.

Film to be offered

The film "The Hiding Place" is a true-life story of Corrie ten Boom, a former Nazi prisoner whose family was willing to risk all for others.

The film will be shown at 7:00 p.m. on August 7 and 8 at Yellow Branch Baptist Church located at Rt. 29, south of Lynchburg.

No admission will be charged.

The Rev. Carl H. Patton, pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing, and congregational singing will be led by Steve Godsey.

Mrs. Betty Leftwich will be playing the piano for these services.

The Rev. James Vaught is pastor of Red Oak Church, located on Highway 26 in Oakville.

The public is invited to any or all of these services. A nursery will be provided for children.

LINDA HANSEN, NEWLY APPOINTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR of the Appomattox Children's Center is shown with a group of children from the center. **Linda, who with her husband Mark, reside at Spout Spring, moved to this area in February of this year. She has seven years experience teaching in kindergarten and first grade in New York State and has had additional teaching experience in a combination classroom in North Carolina. "We are delighted to be in Virginia," said Linda recently," and I am pleased to be associated with the Appomattox Children's Center." (Photo by Allen Austin)**

Youth Choir to appear at Elon Baptist Aug. 5

The Youth Choir and Ensembles of First Baptist Church, Newport News, Va. will appear in concert Thursday, August 5 at 8:00 p.m. at Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin.

The group is on its summer tour which also includes concerts in Gloucester, Petersburg, Crewe and Newport News. The 37 youth, directors and chaperones will be overnight guests in the Pamplin area.

The concert will feature traditional and contemporary music. Selections include "Praise the Lord, My Soul Be Joyful," "Jesus' Love," "Promised Land," "Let Your Love Flow Through Me," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Oh Happy Day" and many more. The program also consists of instrumental segments using hand bells, flutes and clarinet.

The choir is under the direction of Thomas W. Forrest, minister of music at First Baptist. Mr. Forrest has degrees from Carson-Newman and Appalachian State and is presently working on D. Min. Degree in church music at Luther Rice Seminary.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Open House held

More than 200 people were entertained Sunday afternoon, July 11, at the Appomattox County Historical Museum's open house.

Everyone present seemed to enjoy the bluegrass music provided by two local groups -- the "Piney Mountain Band" and "Two Dukes and a Duchess."

Refreshments, including delicious punch and homemade cookies, were served on the portico.

Appomattox Garden Club members made the lovely flower arrangements, used to decorate the building inside, as well as the refreshment table outside.

Many compliments were extended to members of the Appomattox County Historical Society concerning their newly opened museum.

The museum is located in the old jail on the Court House Square. Hours are from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. There is no charge for admission. Donations are accepted.

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Mrs. Robert Louis Harrison, Jr.

Miss Gilliam weds

The marriage of Stephanie Leigh Gilliam to Robert Louis Harrison, Jr. took place Saturday, July 31, 1982 at 3:30 in the afternoon at Calvary Baptist Church in Concord with the Rev. Frank W. Casper, pastor of the church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glover D. Gilliam of Concord. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harrison of Blacksburg.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

The bride wore a gown of white embroidered eylet. She carried a cascading bouquet of pink roses, carnations, stephanotis and baby's breath.

Karen Ann Gilliam of Concord was her sister's maid of honor. She wore a gown of pink embroidered eyelet and carried a garden basket of pink roses and baby's breath.

Mrs. Frances Gilliam and Mrs. Lisa Gilliam, of Concord and sisters-in-law of the bride were attendants. They wore gowns matching the honor attendant and also carried garden baskets.

Beth Ann Drinkard of Appomattox and Hilary Ann Gilliam of Concord, niece of the bride were flower girls. They wore dresses of white embroidered eyelet with pink sashes.

Dr. Harrison was his son's best man. Ushers were Clifford Harrison and Bruce Harrison of Blacksburg, brothers of the bridegroom and James Gilliam and Thomas Gilliam of Concord, brothers of the bride. Allen Whitt of Richmond, cousin of the bride was ring bearer.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. Following a wedding trip, the couple will live in Richmond.

The bride is a graduate of Virginia Tech in Horticulture and will be employed by The Plant Man in Richmond.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Virginia Tech in Political Science and is a student at the T. C. Williams School of Law of the University of Richmond.

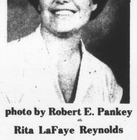

photo by Robert E. Pankey
Rita LaFaye Reynolds

Reynolds to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Reynolds of Appomattox proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Rita LaFaye, to David Allen Salmon of Suffolk, Virginia.

Rita is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk.

David is the son of Mrs. Charles E. Bush of Suffolk and the late Frank Earl Salmon. He is a graduate of Suffolk High School; he attended Tidewater Community College. He is employed at Newport News Shipbuilding Drydock Company.

The wedding will be an event of September 18 at the New Hope Baptist Church in Appomattox County. Friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

Reunion planned

Relatives of the late Robert Nathaniel Morris will hold their family reunion on Sunday, August 8, at the Woodmen Of The World building.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Taylor honored

Leota V. Taylor, bride elect, was honored with a bridal linen shower on July 26 at 7:30 at the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad Building.

Hostesses for the occasion were Martha Paulette, Iris Mann, Dot Giles and Jane Wright.

An arrangement of silk flowers centered the refreshment table. Approximately 30 guests were in attendance.

The wedding of Ms. Taylor to Robert G. Wright will be an event of August 14 at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Evergreen Baptist Church.

Birth announced

The Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan Braswell of Cullen proudly announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Glenn Braswell, Jr., born July 20, at 6:17 a.m in Virginia Baptist Hospital. weighing seven pounds and 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morgan of Seymour, Tennessee and paternal grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. James L. Braswell, Sr., of Gainesville, Texas.

Mother and baby are at home and doing fine.

Leota Taylor
photo by Allen Austin

Leota Taylor to wed

James and David Vaughan proudly announce the engagement of their mother, Leota V. Taylor to Robert G. Wright.

The bride elect is the daughter of the late Virginia Loomis and Samuel Loomis of Pamplin. The groom is the son of Annie T. and George R. Wright of Rt. 2, Appomattox.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, August 14 at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Evergreen Baptist Church.

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Birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. G. Howard Gregory of Danville, Virginia, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Michael Howard.

Michael, born July 20, 1982, at Danville Memorial Hospital weighed 7 lbs. and 9 ozs. and was 19½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. O'Brien of Appomattox.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. James Harvey Crew of Lynchburg and the late Dabney Howard Gregory.

Mrs. Gregory is the former Linda Carol O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Haymond

Ruth, Haymond wed

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Boeck of Boone, Colorado, are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Melanie Ruth, to Stephen Lee Haymond of Concord on July 4. They celebrated their Independence Day wedding in Sun Valley, Idaho at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dexter Haymond.

The wedding was a family affair intended for a garden setting but was held inside the log house due to rain. Pictures and a catered dinner following the ceremony. The wedding cake was decorated with several varieties of local wild flowers. A memorable time was had by all.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons National Parks, enjoying a night of camping and beautiful Rocky Mountain scenery.

Birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Moore of Appomattox are proud to announce the birth of their son, Adam Brent, born on July 18 at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. He weighed eight pounds and three ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Veron (Dot) Doss of Appomattox.

Paternal grandparents are the late John A. and Margaret Moore.

Upon their return, friends of the newlyweds held a reception in their honor on July 17. The Haymonds reside near Concord where Steve co-pastors Concord Bible Fellowship. Their future plans include a year of language study in Texas and full-time missionary work in Mexico.

Litchford in hospital

Thomas Litchford is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Salem, Virginia.

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Social News

Oakville news

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Drinkard, Denice and Denny spent several days at Buckroe and Ocean View last week. Enroute to Newport News they spent one night in Richmond.

Correction of last week's news: Others in attendance of Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard's birthday dinner were Mr. Aubrey Drinkard and Mr. Malcolm Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bentley Martin, Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, and grandparent, Mrs. Byrdie Lovelace, Staunton were also dinner guests in this home.

A large group from this area vacationed at Virginia Beach last week. Among the group were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard, granddaughter, Jean Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Rickie Lewis and Bobbie.

Sorry to hear that Mr. Fleming Drinkard and Mrs. Bob Martin were sick on the trip but are fully recuperated now.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Drinkard, Mark, Scott and Jeff are vacationing at Myrtle Beach a few days.

The family of Louis Moore celebrated his birthday Sunday at his home by having a picnic dinner. All of his children and most of the grandchildren were present. Others attending were Mr. Richard Finley, Miss Pam O'Brien, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Mrs. Christine Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore, Mrs. Sue Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Banton, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Marshall and Warren Martin of Wintergreen.

Those calling in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hunter and Mrs. Alise Drinkard.

Mrs. Clarke Moore, Mrs. M. A. Hunter, Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard, Mrs. Annie Walker Harding and Mrs. Garland Burcher visited Mrs. Louise Wells Friday. She is getting along fine from recent eye surgery.

Mrs. Garland Burcher visited Mrs. Mary Campbell Friday night. She has returned home from hospital and getting along real good.

Colette Ives honored

Miss Colette Ives of Virginia Beach was honored at an afternoon tea given by Mrs. J. Robert Jamerson of Walton Place on Sunday, August 1. The tea table was decorated with a fruit basket entwined with pink and yellow daisies.

Out of town guests present were Mrs. Dean Ives and Miss Stacy Ives of Virginia Beach, Mrs. Jim Brunson of Lynchburg, Mrs. R. W. Jamerson of Bedford and Miss Lina Trent, Washington, D.C. Mrs. J. E. Jamerson and Mrs. William E. Jamerson attended along with many other friends and relatives of the honoree and her fiance, Phillip Jamerson.

Miss Ives wedding to Phillip Jamerson will be an event of August 21, at Kings Grant Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach.

On Sunday, July 11, Miss Ives was also honored with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Scott Dawson. Mrs. Dawson's refreshment table was decorated with an old fashioned bride doll and pink roses.

Mrs. James Beaty and Miss Carol Beaty hosted a spice shower on Saturday, July 10 for Miss Ives in their home in Falling River Acres. A white bridal theme was carried out as decoration. Out of town guests were Mrs. Calvin Tanner, Mrs. Glover Gilliam, and Mrs. Lewis Harrison of Concord and Miss Cathy Tanner of Lynchburg, Virginia.

Ludwig Hill graduates

Second Lt. Ludwig S. Hill, son of retired Air Force Tech Sgt. Louis P. and Elsa S. Hill of Route 1, Gladstone, Va., has graduated from U. S. Air Force pilot training, and has received silver wings at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.

Hill will now serve at Clark Air Base, Philippines, with the 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron.

His is a 1981 graduate of the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Rescue squad gets 39 calls

The Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to 39 calls during the month of June.

Squad members expended a total of 151 manhours during June, and traveled a total of 1461 miles in squad duty.

A breakdown of calls registered during June follows: chest pains, 6; breathing difficulties, 3; falls, 5; transports, 7; auto wrecks, 5; abdominal pains, 2; maternity calls, 1; stab wound, 1; burn, 1; convulsion, 1; heart attack, 1; miscellaneous, 6.

Reunion planned

Plans are underway for the Childers-Hamilton family reunion to be held in Appomattox at the Woodmen Of The World building on the fourth Sunday in August.

Get Acquainted Reception
You're Invited!
We are having an open house and we'd like to invite you to attend.
August 7, 1982 we plan to close at 12:00 noon and to reopen at 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. to facilitate our open house. There will be 100 carnations for the first 100 ladies and an afternoon of enjoyment for all.
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